

## Scrutiny Chair's report to 28 September 2022 Full Council

There have been three meetings of Scrutiny since the last Full Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July – two Special Scrutiny meetings, and our scheduled September meeting.

The special meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July considered the Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan which was due to be submitted to the Government by the beginning of August. Following consultation with the Committee I also agreed to a waiver of the call-in period by the Executive due to the time constraints imposed by the deadline for submission.

The meeting also considered the Rough Sleeping Programme, looking at accepting grant funding to establish rough sleeping accommodation in Burnley. Members were supportive of this and other initiatives to improve provision of temporary accommodation.

On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 Committee looked at a report on an application to the Youth Investment Fund relating to a bid for funding to provide an Open Access Youth Zone in Burnley. The Committee fully supported the proposals in the report.

At the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September a number of issues were discussed. We received the annual update from Liberata. Members were keen to ensure that residents received the best possible service.

The Town Centre Public Space Protection Order was also considered. Members were supportive of the scheme, and keen to see appropriate enforcement when required to ensure that people weren't put off from using the Town Centre by some of the behaviours to be prohibited by the report.

Members received the updated Licensing Policy and acknowledged the hard work of officers in trying to balance the needs of both daytime and night-time economies, and ensure that comments received during consultation were considered and referenced in the documents.

Members also received the latest round of finance reports that will be considered by the Executive and this Council meeting.